

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's assistance in reviewing the claims and the applied art.

Claim 11 has been amended and new claims added.

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected as anticipated by FUENTES 5,358,463.

Claims 11 and 13-17 were rejected as obvious over FUENTES in view of WALLISCH 4,770,409.

The pending rejections are not believed to be viable in that the references, either individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest the recited combination of features.

Neither reference discloses a gripping piece with a hollow central part surrounded by an arc of protrusions and recesses shaped to conform to a user's hand, the protrusions having the features, size, and shapes recited.

Neither reference discloses a gripping piece having an upper surface with a hand-depression shape matching a shape of a user's (U) hand and configured to conform to the user's hand when placed against the upper surface.

Neither reference discloses a hollow central part shaped to conform to the palm of the user's hand, together with a plurality of recesses extending beyond the central part (16) for receiving the user's fingers, wherein, two main protrusions

are respectively placed on one side and the other side of the central part and three inter-digit protrusions located substantially in circle arc between the two main protrusions.

Nor do the references teach the shaping and relative sizing of the protrusions, as recited by the present claims.

Applicant does not believe that the references teach or suggest an apparatus that makes figures or body exercises in rotation by a user turning on himself or herself.

The presently presented amendments as well as the new claims are believed to distinguish over the non-related art currently being cited. Note that GRUBE is an ashtray and does not conform as recited.

There is no reason to combine FUENTES and WALLISH in the manner suggested by the Official Action. Further, both of these references appear to be intrinsically limited in rotation angle and cannot rotate beyond 360 degrees (see the new dependent claims).

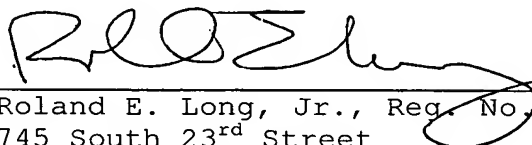
Thus, both the independent claims and the dependent claims are believed allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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